



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 507

February Session, 2004

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM TRAIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-320e of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 228 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed
3 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) The commission may provide an appropriate plaque or marker
5 at a cost, to be determined by the commission, to the recipient for
6 attachment to an historic structure or landmark identifying it as a
7 Connecticut historical landmark within the criteria adopted by the
8 commission and as identified through the state register of historic
9 places, if the owner agrees to display such plaque or marker in a
10 manner satisfactory to the commission. Any such plaque or marker
11 may be repossessed by the commission if the historic structure or
12 landmark is not maintained in a manner satisfactory to the
13 commission.

14 (b) The Connecticut Commission on Arts, Tourism, Culture, History
15 and Film, established under section 210 of [this act] public act 03-6 of
16 the June 30 special session, in [conjunction] consultation with the
17 Amistad Committee, Inc., New Haven, shall establish a Freedom Trail
18 [for the state of Connecticut which marks, with plaques, the sites
19 related to minority history] and a program to recognize, document and
20 mark sites in the state of Connecticut that are associated with the

21 history and movement towards freedom of its African-American
22 citizens, the Underground Railroad and the abolition of slavery. The
23 commission and the Amistad Committee, Inc., of New Haven shall
24 designate and mark the sites of the Freedom Trail. The Amistad
25 Committee, Inc., of New Haven shall be responsible for the
26 coordination and organization of the "September Freedom Trail
27 Month". The commission shall establish a program to publicize the
28 existence of the Freedom Trail and shall publish a brochure which
29 indicates the location and history of the sites.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*